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1. As of 10 May 1950 the Creole and Mene Grande company fields were normal in all areas of the State of Zulia with the exception of laborers in Maracaibo. Tankers of the Mene Grande company were in operation but those belonging to Creole and Shell were still on strike.
2. Shell fields in the Bolivar Coastal area were normal, with the exception of the Mene Grande and San Lorenzo fields, which were completely strike-bound. At La Concepcion Shell officials reported only twenty percent on duty, in comparison with approximately forty percent on 9 May. In La Paz and Mara only a few Shell workers were drifting back to work. The Shell pumping crew at Palmarejo was again on strike on 10 May, after having returned to work on 9 May. Shell laborers in Maracaibo were still on strike.

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